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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

SOURCE

1. Fifty-one Pe-2s with single or double cabin roofs were counted in front of the closed hangars of the WERNEUCHEN (N 53/V 06) airfield. A squadron of twelve Pe-2s with single cabin roofs and white propeller hubs, some flying at high altitudes, practiced local and formation flying from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A tank truck, crane truck, fire truck, ambulance, truck and a passenger car were standing at the take-off point. A radio truck with a rod antenna was parked beside the landing T.
2. The tank installation was being cleaned and the fuel containers given a yellow coat of paint. Six empty railroad tank cars left the airfield. The condition of another tank installation with seven containers, located about 0.5 miles northeast of the airfield, was unchanged.
3. A well camouflaged bomb dump was observed in a woods about 0.5 miles northeast of the latter fuel dump. Six wooden hangars without side walls and four under ground bunkers were seen in the fenced-in area. Bomb crates whose contents could be seen were stored in the wooden hangars. Bombs of about 50-kg, 250-kg, and 500-kg were noticed. Besides other inscriptions on the face of the boxes, year figures between 1943 and 1948 were recognized. The dump was strictly guarded. There was no spur track. From the size of the dump it was inferred that it presumably met only the requirements of the airfield.
4. According to local residents, day and night flying (mostly the latter) with twin-engine aircraft has recently been intensified.
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Comment:

a. The number of Pe-2 bombers stationed at the WERNEUCHEN airfield has apparently not changed in the recent months. Two

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bomber regiments of the 241st Bom Div are assumed to still be stationed in WHEELER.

b. The reported tank installation 0.5 miles north of the airfield was observed in January 1949. The installation obviously is out of operation.

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